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Dear Howard,

Your very kind letter of the 29th, with the more than welcome and immediately-helpful check, made good time, arriving today. It is almost the first letter to come at normal speed in months. Please thanks your parents for me. I do appreciate their thoughtfulness. Fact is that just yesterday I arranged to borrow enough to pay our taxes, which I knew would soon be due, and sure enough, the first tax bill and the notice of interest on out indebtedness were both in today's mail.

It was not as one-way as your letter makes it seem. You were helpful to me and to others with what you did. I've written Paul and Gary, as you know, to see if we can expand this.

Except for the two pages from CE2011, I cannot make any of the other out, not even enough to order. And my orders are not considered until after several months have passed. So, I'd appreciate it if you would get duplicate copies. Let me make this suggestion: tell them what you have and ask them if more legible copies are in other files. If they are, ask for them from whatever files they may be in. If not, ask for another set, expressing the hope they may be more legible or that, knowing the copies are not black enough, the machine operators may increase the blackness.

I'm anxious to see the five-way comparison. I'll be writing Cyril and will send you a carbon. The end product should be legal dynamite.

I'm finished drafting the "panels" complaint, gave it to Bud with the two you read yesterday, and I hope to hear from him shortly. He will do the one on the spectro himself and will, if necessary, carry it to the Supreme Court. He thinks it will be necessary. He'll go over the other two, make suggestions, and I'll file them (worrying until then where the filing fees will come from). He thinks the spectro thing is pretty good. He'd read to page 8 while I was with him. He leaves in about a week to see a client, and he'd hope to file it before then. Meanwhile, I've heard nothing from the Archives, and if I've not had a response by the sixth, whic is less than a week away, I'll file on the shirt pictures-and jointly against Arch and the estate. That will be a comparetively simple complaint. The visitors we expected this weekend are not coming, so maybe I'll do it and ask Bud to scan it.

On Nichols, I do recommend against getting involved in making suggestions. I've been down that road, and it is not adequately described as a dusty one. Why not thank him for it, tell him you have been very busy, and when you get a chance, after finishing up what you are doing, you'll read it with the care and interest it diserves. I would hope it is not as incompetent as the first one. By all means wish him luck, for we all need it! If he has bad luck, so do we all, the reason I worked so hard trying to help him with the first one.

Thanks for thereels. I've not yet seen Nichols' suit, so I look forward to your opinions. And check on your 6/25 to Dick, who is off canoeing, lucky man! May I raise another possibility re what you see in Z313-5: what keeps it from being pieces of metal followed by soft tissue and blood? I agree with your hint about perspecyive, for it has been my opinion from the first, not just a hunch. I think they are goinf very much to the south.

Again our thanks. Hope you can make it again soon, before the swimming season is over. The pool is nowxclean and wonderful with 90-degree weather.

Sincerely,